

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
ANDERSON/GREENWOOD DIVISION

Kevin Alex Morgan,)	C/A No.: 8:16-cv-02481-TLW
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	ORDER
)	
Nancy A. Berryhill,)	
Acting Commissioner of Social Security,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
_____)	

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff Kevin Alex Morgan's motion for attorney's fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d). ECF No. 21. Plaintiff's motion seeks reimbursement for counsel's representation in the above-captioned matter in the amount of \$4,376.13 (22.65 hours of attorney time at \$192.50 per hour and \$16.00 in expenses). The Commissioner filed a response consenting to the award. ECF No. 22.

Having reviewed the file and being fully advised, the Court hereby **ORDERS** that the motion for the award of attorney's fees pursuant to the EAJA, ECF No. 21, is **APPROVED**, and the Commissioner is ordered to award Plaintiff \$4,360.13 in attorney's fees and \$16.00 in expenses, less the amount of any federal debts owed by Plaintiff. Although the EAJA fee award should be paid to Plaintiff rather than to his attorney pursuant to *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 595–98 (2010), the check itself should be mailed directly to Plaintiff's attorney.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

May 30, 2017
Columbia, South Carolina

s/Terry L. Wooten
Terry L. Wooten
Chief United States District Judge